

## STATE HIGHWAY DEPT. CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE BENSON-VAIL ROAD

The State Highway is calling for bids for the construction of sections "A, B and E" of the Benson-Vail Highway. Section "D" has already been constructed and a contract has been awarded for the construction of Section "C". A contract has also been awarded and work is now starting on the construction of section "F" which is a reinforced concrete bridge crossing Cienega Creek and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks with an overhead crossing near Irene, Arizona.

The construction of these sections will mean the completion of the highway from Vail to Benson and will provide a highly improved road from Douglas to Tucson. Bids are also being asked for the construction of sections "E" and "F" of the Florence Superior Highway, section "E" being a reinforced concrete bridge 144 feet in length, crossing Queen Creek, and section "F" being the highway from Queen Creek to Superior.

Work is now in progress on section "B" and will be started on section "A" and section "C" in the immediate future. Sections "A" and "B" will extend from the bridge at Florence to a junction with the Mesa-Superior Highway and will complete the highway from Florence to a junction with the Apache Trail, a distance of about forty miles.

Work is almost completed on the highway between Tempe and Mesa and when the Benson-Vail Highway and sections "A" and "B" of the Florence-Superior are completed, a first class highway, extending from a point about fifteen miles east of Douglas to Phoenix will be available with the exception of about thirty miles of unimproved road between Tucson and Florence and about fourteen miles on the Apache Trail east of Mesa.

A portion of the road east of Mesa is on the program of the Maricopa County Highway Commission leaving only about nine miles of highway to be improved between Mesa and Florence. The unimproved portion of the highway between Tucson and Florence will be improved using Pinal County 75% money, and the remaining portion of the highway in Cochise County between Douglas and Rodeo will be improved using Cochise County 75% money and Federal Aid thus completing the highway from the New Mexico line at Rodeo to Phoenix.

It is confidently expected that this work will be virtually completed during the present year.

### Answered

Teacher—What are the properties of heat and cold?

Small Pupil—The property of heat is to expand and cold to contract.

Teacher—Now give me an example.

Small Pupil—In summer, when it is hot, the days are long; in winter, when it is cold, the days are short.—Chicago News.



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It would take pages of space to tell of the great deeds accomplished by our surgeons and their co-workers in the Medical Corps; it would likewise take pages of space to tell of the almost unbelievable operations, and the kindness shown at these institutions. Perhaps the best known hospital in

the Navy is the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. From a little one-story building it has kept pace with the times and demands of our fast growing Navy, and at present has within its grounds some thirty buildings.

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During the War, from April 6 1917 to 11 November 1918, there were admitted to this hospital alone, 26,587 patients, all of them in the service of their country. During the year 1916, which is considered a typical peace-time year, there were ad-

mitted to the Brooklyn institution, 1,669 patients, or nearly one hundred and forty per month.

It is not in keeping with Naval tradition to boast of exploits or services, but it is on record that the percentage of deaths in Naval Hospitals is far below that in civil institutions. This fact may be attributed to the following: Men must pass a strict physical examination before entering the Navy, that are admitted to the hospitals before they become seriously ill, they have special nurses, very latest facilities are supplied by the government, no matter what, if their cases so warrant and the cost.


## THEY DON'T CALL 'EM COMRADE OUT IN FRISCO NOW

San Francisco, Calif.—The term "comrade" will no longer be used by Daylight Post, American Legion, here. On account of the abuse of the old term by the I. W. W. and other radicals, and also on account of the use of a similar-sounding term by the Germans in the World War, the board of governors of this post has eliminated the objectionable designation and adopted the term "buddies."

### Matter of Definition

Private Jackson had long been a thorn in the side of the mess sergeant, but at last they had got together in an amicable what-are-you-going-to-do argument.

"Where are you going after the war, Jack?" inquired the sarge. "I don't know exactly," replied the long sufferer. "But one thing I know I'm going somewhere where they don't call prunes fruit."



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